

July 3
1863

Lee decided to invade the north. If he could win a big victory the Union might agree to stop fighting. His army met the Northern Army at Gettysburg, Pa. When it was over, Lee had lost. Over 20,000 Confederate soldiers were killed or wounded (about 10,000 in Pickett's Charge).

The Confederate Army continued to weaken. Many Southern soldiers did

not have shoes. Sometimes troops
went for days without food.

July 4, 1863

Vicksburg was the strongest Confederate city in the West. For 7 long weeks Grant tried to capture the city. Vicksburg surrendered July 4, 1863 to U.S. Grant.